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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method of managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

adding the retrieved ~~received~~ contact data to [[a]] the ~~buddy~~ instant messenger list associated with ~~a user's~~ an instant messaging computer application used by the user;

selecting one of the contacts added to the user's instant messenger ~~buddy~~ list;

establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy ~~group~~ groups within the user's instant messenger ~~buddy~~ list, wherein the created one or more buddy ~~group~~ groups corresponds to [[a]] the selected one or more calendar entries; ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;~~

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storing the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data retrieved includes the contacts' information;

identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a temporary contact;

storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

constructing a query of contact information requested by the user; and

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performing the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts; and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

4.   (previously presented) The method as described in claim 3 further comprising:

receiving an expiration date corresponding to the query;

storing the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date; and

removing the contact data in response to the comparison.

5.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

    selecting one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and

    retrieving, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and

wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

6.   (canceled)

7.   (previously presented) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

storing an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from ~~the~~ a date of the selected calendar entry;

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periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

removing the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

8.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

adding the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

9.   (Currently Amended)   An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by <u>at least one of</u> the processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

a software tool for managing <u>an</u> instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including software <u>stored in the memory that, when executed by one of the processors, is</u> effective to:

<u>select, by a user of the information handling system, the one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;</u>

<u>retrieve, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;</u>

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~~receive, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

add the <u>retrieved</u> ~~received~~ contact data to [[a]] <u>the</u> ~~buddy~~ <u>instant messenger</u> list associated with ~~a user's~~ <u>an</u> instant messaging computer application<u> used by the user</u>;

select<u>, by the user,</u> one of the contacts added to the user's <u>instant messenger</u> ~~buddy~~ list; ~~and~~

establish an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

create [[a]] <u>one or more</u> buddy ~~group~~ <u>groups</u> within the user's <u>instant messenger</u> ~~buddy~~ list, wherein the created <u>one or more</u> buddy ~~group~~ <u>groups</u> corresponds to [[a]] <u>the</u> selected <u>one or more</u> calendar <u>entries</u>; ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;~~

<u>store the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data retrieved includes the contacts' information;</u>

<u>identify that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a temporary contact;</u>

<u>store an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;</u>

<u>periodically compare a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and</u>

<u>in response to the comparison, remove the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.</u>

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~select the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

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~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that~~
~~includes participant information for participants of the selected~~
~~calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~store the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the~~
~~contact data received includes the participant information.~~

10.   (canceled)

11.   (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further
comprising software effective to:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

construct a query of contact information requested by the user; and

perform the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact
information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts;
and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

12.   (previously presented) The information handling system as described in claim 11
further comprising software effective to:

receive an expiration date corresponding to the query;

store the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration date; and

remove the contact data in response to the comparison.

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13.   (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

> select one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and

> retrieve, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and

wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

14.   (canceled)

15.   (previously presented) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

store an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from the date of the selected calendar entry;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

remove the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

16.   (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

add the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

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17.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable <u>storage</u> media for managing <u>an</u> instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software ~~effective to~~ <u>that, when executed by a data processing system, causes the data processing system to perform actions that include</u>:

<u>selecting, by the user, a calendar entry from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user;</u>

<u>retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;</u>

~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

adding the received contact data to a buddy list associated with ~~a user's~~ <u>an</u> instant messaging computer application<u> used by the user</u>;

selecting<u>, by the user,</u> one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list;

establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

creating a buddy group within the user's buddy list, wherein the created buddy group corresponds to [[a]] <u>the</u> selected calendar entry ~~from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user~~<u>;</u>

<u>storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information;</u>

<u>identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a temporary contact;</u>

<u>storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;</u>

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periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

18.   (canceled)

19.   (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further~~ wherein the software performs further actions comprising: ~~comprising software effective to:~~

prior to the reception of the contact data:

constructing a query of contact information requested by the user; and

performing the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts; and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

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20. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 19 ~~further~~ wherein the software performs further actions comprising: ~~comprising software effective to:~~

receiving ~~receive~~ an expiration date corresponding to the query;

storing ~~store~~ the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;

periodically comparing ~~compare~~ a current date to the expiration date; and

removing ~~remove~~ the contact data in response to the comparison.

21. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further~~ wherein the software performs further actions comprising: ~~comprising software effective to:~~

prior to the reception of the contact data:

selecting ~~select~~ one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and

retrieving ~~retrieve~~, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and

wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further~~ wherein the software performs further actions comprising: ~~comprising software effective to:~~

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storing store an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from the date of the selected calendar entry;

periodically comparing compare a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

removing remove the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

24.   (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further wherein the software performs further actions comprising: comprising software effective to:

adding add the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

25.   (canceled)

26.   (currently amended) A computer-implemented method of managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy groups group within [[a]] the instant messenger user's buddy list, wherein the created one or more buddy groups group

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correspond[[s]] to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;

identifying an expiration date of one or more of the buddy groups group, the expiration date derived from a date of one or more of the selected calendar entries entry that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups;

retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;

storing the retrieving received contact data in one or more of the buddy groups group, wherein the contact data retrieved received includes the participant information;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the one or more of the buddy groups group that have identified expiration dates; and

removing one or more of the buddy groups group, including the contact data added to the buddy groups group, in response to the comparison.

27.   (canceled)

28.   (currently amended)-+ An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

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a software tool for managing <u>an</u> instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including <u>code stored in the memory that, when executed by at least one of the processors, performs actions of:</u> ~~software effective to:~~

<u>selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;</u>

<u>retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;</u>

<u>creating</u> ~~create a~~ <u>one or more</u> buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~ within [[a]] the <u>instant messenger</u> ~~user's buddy~~ list, wherein the created <u>one or more</u> buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~ correspond[[s]] to [[a]] <u>the one or more</u> selected calendar <u>entries</u> ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application~~;

<u>identifying</u> ~~identify~~ an expiration date of <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, the expiration date derived from a date of <u>one or more of</u> the selected calendar <u>entries</u> ~~entry~~ <u>that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups</u>;

~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;~~

<u>storing</u> ~~store~~ the <u>retrieving</u> ~~received~~ contact data in <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, wherein the contact data <u>retrieved</u> ~~received~~ includes ~~the~~ participant information;

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periodically <u>comparing</u> <s>compare</s> a current date to the expiration date corresponding to <u>the one or more of </u>the buddy <u>groups</u> <s>group</s> <u>that have identified expiration dates</u>; and

<u>removing</u> <s>remove</s> <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> <s>group</s>, including the contact data added to the buddy <u>groups</u> <s>group</s>, in response to the comparison.

29.   (canceled)

30.   (currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable <u>storage</u> media for managing <u>an</u> instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software <s>effective to</s> <u>that, when executed by a data processing system, causes the data processing system to perform actions that include:</u>

<u>selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;</u>

<u>retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;</u>

<u>creating</u> <s>create a</s> <u>one or more</u> buddy <u>groups</u> <s>group</s> within [[a]] the <u>instant messenger</u> <s>user's buddy</s> list, wherein the created <u>one or more</u> buddy <u>groups</u> <s>group</s> correspond[[s]] to [[a]] <u>the one or more</u> selected calendar <u>entries</u> <s>entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application</s>;

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identifying ~~identify~~ an expiration date of <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, the expiration date derived from a date of <u>one or more of</u> the selected calendar <u>entries</u> ~~entry~~ <u>that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups</u>;

~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;~~

<u>storing</u> ~~store~~ the <u>retrieving</u> ~~received~~ contact data in <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, wherein the contact data <u>retrieved</u> ~~received~~ includes ~~the~~ participant information;

periodically <u>comparing</u> ~~compare~~ a current date to the expiration date corresponding to <u>the one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~ <u>that have identified expiration dates</u>; and

<u>removing</u> ~~remove~~ <u>one or more of</u> the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, including the contact data added to the buddy <u>groups</u> ~~group~~, in response to the comparison.